2 *STRAN** Ay, too well.
1 *STRJN.* Why this
Is the world's soul; and just of the same piece Is every flatterer's spirit[8]. Who can call him His friend, that dips in the same dish [9] ? for, in My knowing, Timon has been this lord's father* And kept his credit with his purse; Supported his estate; nay, Timon's money Has paid his men their wages : He ne'er drinks. But Timon's silver treads upon his lip; And yet, (O, see the monstrousness of man

[8] —flatterer's SPIRIT.] This is Dr. Warburton's emendation*
The other [modern] editions read :
" Why, this is the world's *soul;*
" And just of the same piece is every flatterer's *sport"* Mr. Upton has not unluckily transposed the two final words, thus;
(i Why, this is the world's *sport;*
ct Of the same piece is every flatterer's *soul"*
The passage is not so obscure as to provoke so much enquiry. *fc* This," says he, " is the soul or *spirit* of the world : every flatterer plays the same game, makes sport with the confidence of his friend." JOHNSON.

Mr. M. Mason prefers the amendment of Dr. Warburton to the transposition of Mr. Upton. STEEVENS.

The emendation, *spirit,* belongs not to Df. Warburton, but to Mr. Theobald. The word was frequently pronounced as one syllable, and sometimes, I think, written *sprite.* Hence the corruption was easy; whilst on the other hand it is highly improbable that two words so distant from each other as *soul* and *sport* [or *spirit'] should* change places. - Mr. Upton did not take the trouble to look into the old copy; but finding *soul* and *sport* the final words of two lines in Mr. Pope's and the subsequent editions, took it for granted they held the same situation in the original edition, which we see was not the case. I do not believe this speech was intended by the author for a verse. MALONE.

After all, the reading of the old copy has not been mentioned. It is thus arranged:
" Why, this is the world's soul;
" And just of the same piece
" Is every flatterer's sport," &c« Bo SWELL.

9 — that dips in the same dish ?] This phrase is scriptural:
'* He that dippeth his hand with me in the same dish.'* St.
Matthew, xxvi. 23, STEEVENS.